

AIDS PREVENTION INSTRUCTION

The Governing Board recognizes that Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) pose a public health crisis. Public education is society's most effective method for slowing the spread of this disease.

(cf. 51414.22 - Infectious Diseases)

(cf. 5141.23 - Infectious Disease Prevention)

In the course of their daily lives, our students will come into contact with people who are HIV positive or have AIDS. The District's health education program, therefore, shall include instruction about AIDS and how HIV is transmitted. Students must be told what voluntary behaviors result in infection before the age when they may adopt behaviors which put them at risk of contracting this virus. They also must be motivated to prevent infection by making informed decisions.

The District shall provide AIDS prevention instruction at least once in middle school and once in high school, as required by law. (Education Code 51201.5)

No student shall attend AIDS prevention instruction if his/her parent/guardian requests in writing that he/she not attend. (Education Code 51201.5)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff members who present AIDS prevention instruction are adequately trained and have periodic staff development opportunities to remain current on new prevention education techniques and new developments in the scientific understanding of HIV/AIDS.

Parents/guardians and community members shall have input into the selection and/or development of instructional materials to be used in HIV/AIDS prevention instruction. The curriculum shall be updated regularly.

(cf. 6142.1 - Family Life/Sex Education)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Design)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide parents/guardians with an opportunity to examine all instructional materials related to HIV/AIDS instruction before the materials are used with the students and shall inform the parents/guardians of their right to inspect these materials.

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Material)

(cf. 5145.1 - Notification of Legal Rights)

AIDS PREVENTION INSTRUCTION (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48980 Notice at beginning of term

51201.5 AIDS prevention instruction

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

51203 Instruction on alcohol, narcotics and restricted dangerous drugs

51229.8 Inservice training for providers of AIDS prevention instruction

51240 Excuse from health instruction and family life and sex education due to religious beliefs

51550 Sex education courses

51820 Venereal disease instruction